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SUBJ: GUATEMALAN CAN DELEGATE DEFENDS PROPOSALS TO RESTRUCTURE
CACM

REF: A. SAN SALVADOR 3269 B. GUATEMALA 4484

1. THE GUATEMALAN DELEGATE ON THE HIGH LEVEL COMMITTEE (HLC OR CAN), CARLOS ENRIQUE PERALTA MENDEZ, HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST 20 TO REFUTE THE ASSESSMENT OF THE EL SALVADOREAN DELEGATE THAT THE GUATEMALAN PROPOSALS REPRESENTED A SET BACK FOR THE CAN (REF. A).

PERALTA ASSERTED THAT THE ANTEPROYECTO IS NOT POLITICALLY VIABLE SINCE NICARAGUA WILL NOT TOLERATE AGENCIES WITH SUPRANATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS. HE SAID THAT THE NICARAGUAN DELEGATE, ZELEDON, HAD CIRCULATED A DOCUMENT IN DECEMBER 1973 MAINTAINING THAT NICARAGUA WOULD NOT ACCEPT A PACT WHICH CALLED FOR THE RELINQUISHMENT OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE SYSTEM PROPOSED BY GUATEMALA WILL AVOID THE PROBLEM OF SUPRANATIONAL

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STRUCTURES.

2. COMMENT: THE GUATEMALAN PROPOSAL MAY HAVE REVIVED NICARAGUAN INTEREST IN RESTRUCTURING THE COMMON MARKET. THIS IS IMPLIED BY THE AUGUST 21 ANNOUNCEMENT, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS HERE, THAT THE GON HAS APPOINTED A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CAN SO THAT THEIR NEXT MEETING CAN TAKE PLACE AUGUST 25 AS SCHEDULED, IN GUATEMALA. THE GOG POSITION MAY PROVE MORE POSITIVE IN PRODUCING PROGRESS TOWARD CA INTEGRATION THAN IT MIGHT AT FIRST APPEAR. PRESENTING A MORE LIMITED AND GRADUAL APPROACH, IT MAY WELL ENHANCE, RATHER THAN DIMINISH, THE REAL PROGRESS FOR A NEW REGIONAL TREATY.
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